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Police have a week to question terror suspects

COUNTER-TERRORISM officers have been granted an extra week to question five suspects held in a series of raids.

The men, aged between 21 and 35, were taken to a central London police station after officers swooped on their Luton homes on Tuesday.

The arrests were a part of a 'pre-planned, intelligence-led' operation by the Metropolitan Police.

The men, aged 21, 23, 24, 30 and 35, are being held on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

Searches under the Terrorism Act 2000, which took place at each of their addresses in Maidenhill Road, Bishopscode Road, Crawley Road, Cornel Close and Shaftesbury Road, have now concluded.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "All five were arrested at separate residential addresses in Luton. They have been taken to a central London police station where they remain in custody."

"On April 25 a warrant of further detention was issued, to expire seven days after their arrest."

BY JULIA SUTTON
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FORMER Luton South MP Margaret Moran will not face a jury on charges of fiddling her Parliamentary expenses after a judge determined she is not fit to plead.

Mr Justice Saunders said the 56-year-old would not have to appear in court after hearing evidence from consultant forensic psychiatrist Philip Joseph that Ms Moran, who was described as a 'broken woman', was suffering from a depressive illness and extreme anxiety and agitation.

He considered reports from doctors for both the prosecution and the defence.

Dr Joseph told Lewes Crown Court, in East Sussex, that the stress of the proceedings and allegations Ms Moran was facing made it impossible for her to participate in court proceedings.

He said: "There have been concerns at times that she has been suicidal and concerns about attempts to harm herself."

Dr Joseph was asked if he had considered the possibility that Ms Moran, who was excused from attending today's hearing, might be exaggerating her symptoms, but he said it was unlikely.

He told the court that the former MP, of Ivy Road, St Denys, Southampton, Hampshire, felt feelings of abandonment and rejection by the Labour Party and shame that her career was over.

Dr Joseph added that she also



Margaret Moran at a previous court hearing

harboured feelings of guilt, hopelessness, shame, worthlessness and 'the feeling she is being punished for past mistakes for incidents in her childhood and adolescence'.

He said that when he saw Moran last October, she talked about her past which was affecting her current mental state.

He said: "Things that had happened in her childhood were coming back to haunt her and she felt she was being punished for past issues in her childhood."

Dr Joseph added that the 'vilification' was causing her to

become a broken woman' and 'everything she used to bolster her self-esteem in her adult life had come crashing down'.

Ms Moran was described as weeping inconsolably when she appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court last year on 15 charges of false accounting and six of using a false instrument relating to expense claims totalling around £80,000.

It is alleged that the former MP for Luton South, who stood down at the last election, 'flipped' her designated second home, making claims for prop-

erties in London, Luton and Southampton.

Dr Joseph said she looked like a very different person, in a physical sense, when she last appeared at Southwark Crown Court in December.

He said: "When she was an MP she was an exuberant personality. When that was taken away, she looked physically crushed and hunched."

He added that Ms Moran's "catastrophic reaction" to events was not surprising, given her "genetic vulnerability" and "family history".

Mr Justice Saunders said: "Dr Joseph has attempted to discuss the allegations with her and is satisfied that she is not able to give proper instructions."

"He recorded her as saying 'I just want to plead guilty and be punished', but his view and my judgment is that it is unlikely to have been a response reached after a proper consideration of the allegations and is simply an attempt to get the matter over with and assuage feelings of guilt which may relate to other matters."

He added that while the result would be viewed with 'scepticism by some', both sides were in broad agreement and all the experts agreed that Moran is unfit to plead.

The case was adjourned to Southwark Crown Court on November 15 for a three-day hearing for a jury to determine whether the defendant did the acts alleged by the prosecution.

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New £26m pool is hit by building delays

BY LUI STRACCIA
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LUTON'S £26 million world class swimming pool will now open after the London 2012 Olympic Games instead of before because of construction work delays.

The 'dry' facilities at the Inspire Luton Sports Village Active centre are due to open on August 20 - five weeks after the original launch date of July 13, while the 'wet' side will be available from August 24.

In November Luton Borough Council said it was 'still investigating possibilities of hosting national teams' competing at the Games, which run from July 27 to August 12, for use of the 50m pool and 10m diving facility, currently being developed in Hitchin Road, Stopsley, for training.

But three sub-contractors have gone into administration while on-site, meaning this is now impossible.

It also means the town will be without the use of one pool for three months now instead of the original two, as Wardown Swimming and Leisure Centre, in Bath Road, will close on May 20 so staff at the new facility can be trained.

Wardown's services will be relocated to Hightown Community Sports and Arts Centre and Putteridge, as



the council last November said it cannot keep it running in the meantime as this 'would be at a significant cost which cannot be supported or justified in the present financial climate'.

Luton Liberal Democrat leader Cllr David Franks said: "There are two missed boats here, because the council had originally wanted for teams to practice at the facilities for the Games."

"But it will not even be open to the public during that time. It's a big disappointment because people were looking forward to it."

"And with Wardown Pool shutting next month, there will be fewer facilities in Luton during the period of the Olympic Games than at any time over the last 30 years. It's crazy."

"It's not only bad news for local swimmers, but for groups who want to use the centre. Where are they going to go?"

The biggest cause of the delay for Wates Construction, which is responsible for the building works, was WWR Group Ltd going into administration two weeks ago mid-way through its roofing and cladding works.

Labour Cllr Hazel Simmons, leader of the council, said: "It is inevitable that a project of this size will experience some minor setbacks and in this case it really was out of everyone's control."

"Wates Construction is working around-the-clock to minimise the possibility of any further slippage."

"When the centre opens in August I can guarantee that the people of Luton will not be disappointed and will agree that it was worth the wait."

"It was never our intention to have the sports village up and running for the start of the Olympics."

"Activities have also been increased at Lea Manor Recreation Centre and Lewsey Park Pool, giving the public access to three swimming pools in the town."

Inspire will replace three facilities in the town - Wardown Pool, Luton Regional Sports Centre and Putteridge Recreation Centre, with the latter two shutting permanently in August.

Tory MP 'never' considered switching sides

CONSERVATIVE Mid Beds MP Nadine Dorries has denied she will switch parties despite an attack on the Prime Minister and his Chancellor.

Ms Dorries blasted David Cameron and George Osborne earlier this week as 'a pair of arrogant posh boys who don't know the price of milk'.

Speculation soon spread after her rant that she would change party allegiances with Ms Dorries, a eurosceptic, hotly tipped to join UKIP.

The Tory MP's comments were raised at Prime Minister's Question on Wednesday with David Cameron swerving the issue by replying with:

"There are a lot of things myself and Ms Dorries agree about."

But speaking to *Luton on Sunday* the Mid Bedfordshire representative claimed 'blue blood ran through her veins'.

Ms Dorries said: "Having been a Conservative since 1995 I can honestly say it has never crossed my mind."

"Blue blood runs through my veins and my comments about the Prime Minister and the Chancellor were aimed right through the front door of Number 10."

"Both Mr Cameron and Mr Osborne

need to look at lower taxation and look at boosting growth for a start."

It is not the first time Ms Dorries and the Prime Minister have had a run in.

In September last year the PM was forced to apologise to Ms Dorries after suggesting she was 'frustrated' when she asked him to show Deputy PM Nick Clegg 'who was boss'.

Mr Cameron abandoned answering Ms Dorries's question at PMQs through laughter at the slight innuendo, something that left the MP red-faced.

newsbriefs

LOS COMMENDED AT AWARDS

LUTON on Sunday was 'commended' in the prestigious Newspaper Awards staged at the Hilton hotel in London on Wednesday.

LoS, and its sister paper, *Bedfordshire on Sunday*, were both shortlisted in the Weekend Newspaper of the Year award (regional section) against titles including the *Liverpool Echo* and the winner *Yorkshire Post*.

The judges described *LoS* as 'hard-hitting with a good community feel'.

LoS editor Chris Gill said: "The awards attracted a huge number of entries across all the categories. We are delighted to be recognised."

56 HOMES PROPOSAL

A PLANNING application has been submitted to build 56 houses on green land next to Butely Road and Ickley Road, Luton.

However, two residents of Butely Road, Rowena Fitzgerald and Martin Stiff are heading a campaign to prevent the application, made by Catalyst Housing Group, from being agreed.

As part of the campaign the residents are trying to get the land 'Village Green status' which would make it difficult for houses to be built there in the future.

PEACE VIGIL TO BE HELD

LUTON Council of Faiths has called for all 'Lutonians to stand up for peace and unity' before the English Defence League's march on Saturday.

A Peace Vigil will be held on Friday at 4.30pm in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Luton, as a follow-up event from the group's last gathering on April 20 outside Bury Park Community Centre.

David Jonathan, spokesman for inter-faith group Grassroots which is involved in organising the event, said: "Come and stand with people of different backgrounds, reflecting the richness and diversity of Luton, promoting peace and acceptance while rejecting hatred and prejudice."

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Group slams £208 charge for a 'lifesaving' service

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BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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SENIOR citizens have branded the implementation of a £208 annual charge for the potentially lifesaving Telecare system 'an attack on the living standards of those who prefer to stay in their own homes'.

Central Bedfordshire Council introduced the £4-a-week fee for the previously free service in Dunstable, Houghton Regis and the surrounding villages in February, after receiving lower funding from central Government.

But members of the Dunstable and District Association of Senior Citizens (DDASC) are concerned that residents will miss out on the service, which allows an elderly resident to alert a council based operator if they come into medical difficulties at the push of a button.

The operator can then alert family members of the emergency services so someone can check if the resident is okay.

DDAOC member Dawn Jakins, 54, of Waterlow Road, Dunstable, said: "My father had the Telecare system in his home, so I know first hand



A necklace alarm

how reassuring and comforting this service is, both for the resident and their family.

"Unfortunately the implementation of this £4 charge is the latest in a long line of spending increases that pensioners have faced in recent months, but with no increase in the money that they receive.

"I fear that either pensioners will have to choose to reduce the amount they spend on food or heating to use this service, or will choose to go without this lifesaving technology."

DDASC has written to Age

UK and Bedfordshire LINK for help. Its letter reads: 'The poorest pensioners, even though on benefits, weekly total basic pension is still £70 below the poverty line according to the National Pensioners Convention statistics.

'They can ill afford to have £4 per week to cover a system that has been free.

'Perhaps the councillors expenses could be cut to a reasonable figure to find the money they intend to take from those who can't afford it.

'We are well aware that the Central Beds Council is struggling for money - that is not

the pensioners' fault. We consider it to be most unfair and an attack on the living standards of those who prefer to stay in their own homes rather than in a care home.'

Cllr Carole Hegley said: "We started charging for Telecare in February.

"It was a tough decision to make, but with the enormous pressure on our budget and an increasing demand for the service, we had to put a charge in place to ensure the service remains available to everyone that wants it.

"The new charging policy was introduced after extensive consultation with current customers and other interested groups and focuses council resources at those who are most vulnerable while still allowing others to access this useful service at a reasonable cost.

"Those people who have Telecare as part of a package of social care services will have the cost incorporated into their personal budget, and in most cases, the overall contribution they pay towards the cost of their service will not increase.

"Anyone worried about not being able to afford the charge should get in contact with us, and we will explore the options with them."

Bid to re-home London families was rebuffed

HOUSING associations in Bedfordshire turned down an SOS call from a London council to take hundreds of its poorest families into their care.

Both Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association (BPHA) and Aragon Housing Association said they rebuffed an approach by Newham Council to move around 500 of its families into affordable homes.

The East London authority has been accused of 'social cleansing' with locations as far away as Stoke-on-Trent contacted by the council. The plea came as pressure on renting properties mounts as the Olympics approach.

The authority wrote to 1,179 housing associations nationwide but failed in its bid to move residents to Bedfordshire.

A spokeswoman for BPHA said: "I can confirm that we have received a letter from Newham Council which has been passed to a head of service and that's as far as it will go. Our priority will always be people with a housing need in the local area."

Aileen Evans, managing director of Aragon, said: "Like many other housing associations Aragon was

approached by Newham Council but we will not be housing any of their tenants.

"Instead we are concentrating on the far-reaching implications of the Government's Welfare Reform Bill including Universal Credit on our own customers, and the very real issues facing us as a housing association, issues such as the 'bedroom tax'."

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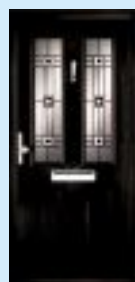
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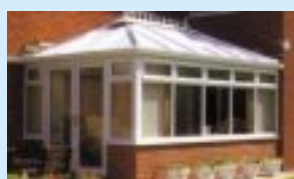
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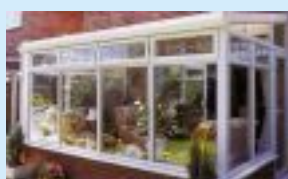


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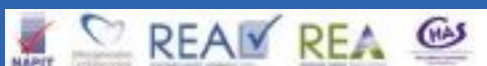


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Dan's up for 'tough' race challenge

A STRONGMAN will tackle a gruelling 11-mile obstacle course over wires, reinforced steel and construction debris in Europe's 'toughest race'.

Dan Cartwright (pictured), of Dunstable, has been chosen to represent 'Team GB' in the Fisherman's Friend Strongman Run, notorious for pushing competitors from across the globe to their limits and being the ultimate test of strength, stamina and sheer determination.

Dan will be travelling to Nürburgring, Germany – home to one of the world's most famous motor racing tracks – to brave 28 intimidating obstacles including quick sand, fire, tyre mountains, gravity-defying muddy gradients and electric shocks, followed by a freezing water course, all while competing against 10,000 fellow runners.

He has undergone a rigorous training regime ahead of the race

on Saturday and said: "This is going to be a real challenge and I'm sure the competition will be fierce, but I am so up for it."

"I've been training really hard over the past couple of months, taking on terrains including mud, sand, and water and running night and day. I'm hoping the hard work will pay off and I'll do Team GB proud."

With his first ever marathon lined up this weekend – the inaugural Milton Keynes Marathon – and a Go Beyond Ultra ultramarathon coming up at the end of May, the Strongman Run is just one of a series of challenges Dan has set himself for 2012.

He will be joining 14 other members of Team GB to take part in the race. Keep track of how Dan and the rest of the team do by visiting the Fisherman's Friend Facebook page - www.facebook.com/FishermansFriendUK

Jobs will go after Game stores shut

BY LUI STRACCIA

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FIFTEEN computer game store staff will be made redundant after two town centre branches closed down.

The Luton Game and Gamestation outlets, in George Street and The Mall respectively, shut earlier this month, with the loss of all jobs at both.

Last month the company, which has 3,200 employees at 333 stores throughout the UK, went into administration.

Since then Baker Acquisitions Ltd has taken over the stricken firm but, because the two Luton stores closed down before the deal, the staff at the stores have lost their jobs.

Henry Jackson, managing partner of OpCapita which advises Baker, said: "We are pleased to have reached agreement with the administrator."

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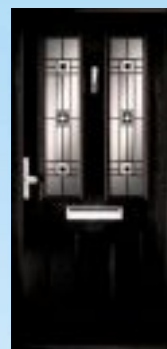
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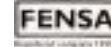
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A NEW draft strategy to improve the lives of people with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome and their families has been launched.

Central Bedfordshire Council and NHS Bedfordshire have started Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives with the Autism Partnership Group, which

Helping people with autism

includes people with Autism and family carers. The strategy sets out the priorities including increasing understanding and awareness of the condition. Cllr Carole Hegley (pictured) said: "If it is going

to be successful we need to know what matters to them, so that we can begin to work together to improve their lives."

You can view the strategy at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations



Pair locked up for robbing shoppers

BY JULIA SUTTON

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ROBBERS who followed two women through the town centre before pushing them to the ground and stealing their shopping have been sent to a young offenders institution.

Florin Constantin Mihalache, 19, and Adrian Strambu, 20, both of Bute Street, Luton, shadowed their victims to Park Street where they shoved them to the floor and took their bags.

Both victims - aged 25 and 26 - were left shocked by the experience and one received cuts and bruising during the robbery.

The defendants were caught on CCTV only ten minutes after the robbery discarding the stolen property and were promptly

arrested by officers. Mihalache and Strambu both pleaded guilty to a robbery on February 17 and were jailed for 30 months after pleading guilty at Luton Crown Court on Wednesday.

Detective Constable Barry Kerr said: "Reducing the number of robberies in our county and bringing offenders to justice in order to protect the public is a priority of the force."

"These young men will now spend a significant period of time in an institution as a consequence of their actions and their behaviour will have a long term impact on their lives in the future."

"Their work prospects, their families and relationships will all be adversely affected by their choice to become involved in crime."

"This send a clear message out to other young people which is - do not get involved in criminal activity it will ruin your life."

Mihalache had also pleaded guilty to an attempted robbery on January 17 for which he received 30 months detention in a young offender institute that will be served concurrently.

He also pleaded guilty to a further charge of possessing a bladed article in a public place for which he received a further three months detention in a young offender institute that will be served consecutively.

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Students set for campus protest

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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HAIRDRESSING students are to protest after they were left without suitable classrooms and equipment due to being forced to change campus halfway through their course.

Dunstable College pupils based at Kingsland Skills Institute Campus, in Parkside Drive, Houghton Regis, say they were told they would have to move to Kingsway Campus in Court Drive, Dunstable.

This is because their original campus was being taken over by Central Bedfordshire College's University Technical College, to be based at Kingsland.

But since the move, which took place after the Easter holidays, students claim they have found lessons have been repeatedly cancelled due to a lack of classroom space and lack of equipment.

Student Victoria Bell (*pictured*), 26, who is currently completing a barbering course, is heading up a protest to highlight the 'problems' they have faced.

Miss Bell, of Gainsborough Drive, Houghton Regis, said: "It isn't fair and is very frustrating."

"We are coming to the end of the college year, and a lot of people are worried that they won't be able to complete practical assessments and pass the course due to a lack of equipment and no classrooms."

"I'm lucky that I'm on an apprenticeship, but there are many that have paid



a lot of money for these courses and it just isn't on.

"We are arranging a protest, which will take place on Tuesday outside Dunstable College."

"We will be delivering a vote of no confidence to the principal, who we are hoping will come and speak to us and give us some answers."

Central Beds College principal and chief executive Ali Hadawi CBE said: "During the colleges decant from the Houghton Regis Campus we have endeavoured to keep disruption to our learners to a minimum."

"This has resulted in a lot of the work being undertaken during the Easter holidays."

"As we come to the end of the decant we are continuing to communicate the changes with the affected learners, and all should have received letters during this time of change."

"We apologise for having not met some of our learners' expectations and we are always keen to discuss any issues to improve our service for the future."

Tilly's new home

AN orphaned baby wallaby is busy settling into her new home at Whipsnade Zoo.

Tiny Tilly is being hand-reared by keepers after she was found out of her mum's pouch a month ago.

She is being looked after by keeper Jo Shirley who carries her around in a substitute pouch made from a rucksack wherever she goes – just as her real mum would do.

The seven-month-old Bennett's wallaby, who would have been a little larger than a baked bean at birth, needed bottle feeding special milk and vitamin supplements around the clock when she was first found.

Jo said: "Feeding Tilly every three hours was exhausting."

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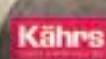
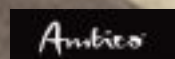
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Something for kids to do

SIR - What is the world coming to when we charge children to be able to march past the Town Hall on St George's Day, England's patron saint.

Scouts and their leaders work hard during the year and this is one event where they can wear their uniforms with pride and show the people of this town that scouting is alive and well.

The phrase 'nothing for kids to do' is a common one but here is a voluntary organisation that is trying to give kids 'something to do'.

For decades the scouts have marched past the Town Hall. I myself have had the pleasure of being one of them.

How disheartening for all that the police have out-priced this event, and then they wonder why they suffer from a lack of respect.

D Gates
By email

The cost of meetings

SIR - At last, your newspaper has brought to the attention the extent to which the council is wasting the hard-earned money of us Luton ratepayers.

One outstanding waste is 'paying' our elected councillors their salary, when the total presence of councillors at meetings varies.

If they were employees of any company, they would soon be discharged.

When I was a company director, I sacked employees for taking less time off - I excused them if they were dying.

If the councillors are unable to do the job, they should not have applied for the election, or they should have assistants, paid out of the their allowances.

Without the councillors' presence at the meetings, millions of pounds of ratepayers' money is being spent upon fruitless situations, actuated by the professional departments of Luton Borough Council.

George Donohoe
Axe Close, Luton

Agreeing with Dorries

SIR - Although I am a strong supporter of the Labour Party, I feel compelled to express my new found respect and admiration for Mid Beds Conservative MP Nadine Dorries.

On BBC2's Daily Politics programme on Monday she said: "Unfortunately, I think that not only are [David] Cameron and [George] Osborne two posh boys who don't know the price of milk, but they are two arrogant posh boys who show no remorse, no contrition and no passion to want to understand the lives of others - and that is their real crime."

Earlier this year Ms Dorries told the Financial Times that government policy was 'being run by two public schoolboys who don't know what it's like to go to the supermarket and have to put things back on the shelves because they can't afford it for their children's lunch boxes. What's worse, they don't care either'.

I salute her for her honesty, courage, frankness and heresy,

'Left seething' after St George's Day parade cancelled

SIR - I am seething after reading about the scouts march being cancelled because they couldn't afford the £2,000 to police it, but we can afford the EDL march costing £1million-plus.

And I suppose the Muslims Against Crusade will have their march?

My grandson asked me why his scouts march was cancelled and all the others weren't.

I was born in Luton and even I am asking the same question. Surely for the reputation of Luton they could have done something to get round this situation.

All this has done is make people wonder what's becoming of our country that the council can't get around this - or am I expecting too much?

K Murray
Leagrave High Street, Luton



A previous Scouts parade

but I fear she can't expect promotion in the foreseeable future.

Nick Murray
Mullion Close, Luton

Imminent starvation

SIR - I want to draw *Luton on Sunday* readers' attention to an unfolding humanitarian crisis that is going largely unnoticed by the world.

In West Africa, more than 10.5 million people are running out of food and starvation is imminent.

While no amount of funding can make the rain fall in the region, there is still time to minimise the devastation by helping families to prepare for this emergency and stop them running out of food completely.

I support CARE International UK, which has been working in the region for many years and is working to stop this turning into a humanitarian catastrophe while raising the alarm about the situation.

I urge your readers to help - please visit www.careinternational.org.uk/west-africa and make a donation, however small.

It is a well known fact that every £1 invested in avoiding disaster at an early stage saves at least £4 that would be spent on disaster relief at a later stage.

That is a good reason to act now, but the real reason to take action has to be that we have it in our power to stop the suffering of children who, through no fault of their own face increasing hunger and starvation in the coming months.

Responding now will save money but more importantly it will save lives.

Mr A Chaudry
Northview Road, Luton

'Why be so negative?'

SIR - I write in response to Cllr Richard Stay and his questions

regarding Luton Airport. As a Luton Conservative, Cllr Stay has every right to ask questions on Luton Airport; on Luton Hoo; on Luton Town Football Club; on Luton Council - in fact on whatever he likes, but why does it always have to be so negative?

From his rhetoric I would dissociate him as a 'candidate' of the 'Love Luton' agenda and again, that is his prerogative.

However, I would have expected a Luton Conservative to have been less antagonistic and critical, but it appears he doesn't care.

Cllr Stay once wanted to be an MP for our town and maybe he feels bitter that Margaret Moran beat him.

Or maybe he feels aggrieved that every taxpayer in Luton has the benefit of one of the lowest council tax rates in the country, partly due to the income generated from the airport.

In contrast the council he is an executive member of has one of the highest.

Bitterness, jealousy and spite spring to mind. There is no election at the moment, no clamouring for votes, so at the moment Councillor Stay considers everything fair game. Pathetic.

Some people ask questions galore, but don't like giving answers, but here is one for Cllr Stay. If you dislike Luton so much why are you a Luton Conservative?

Mrs D Marsh
Luton

Support society's week

SIR - I want to encourage our MP to support the National Autistic Society's (NAS) Undiscovered Workforce campaign to help adults with autism into employment.

The campaign is calling upon MPs across the UK to work together with local authority services, as well as local businesses and employment providers to improve job opportunities for people with

autism in their own constituencies. For many, employment is a crucial factor in living a happy and independent life.

However, NAS research indicates that only 15 per cent of adults with autism are in full-time employment, despite the fact that 79 per cent of those claiming out-of-work benefits told us they want to work.

Research with university leavers has shown that 26 per cent of graduates with autism are unemployed, by far the highest rate of any disability group.

One in 100 people living in Luton has autism and it is therefore vital that more is done locally to support these adults into work.

With the right support, people with autism can overcome the barriers to work that they often face.

I hope the local MP will agree to work with other organisations in our constituency so that adults with autism living in the area have access to the same employment opportunities as others.

Ms Maria Martinez-Martin
Westmorland Avenue, Luton

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SIR - Does dating take a back seat in your life?

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The stories you've been commenting on this week

It's alright for some...

■ I think this an outrage, the scout leaders and parents strive to teach these children to work together and be part of a good community, and the council come along and knock them back everytime. There is no wonder this country is in such disarray when decent people try and create a positive thing and get trampled on everytime. How can this be deemed a commercial event when it's our heritage. It's no wonder Luton has a bad press all the time!

Gabby

■ Why on earth do the EDL get better treatment than the scouts? I know where I'd like the money to go and just think what £1 million-plus would do for building communities, helping kids to get on with each other. Instead it is spent on a fascist org seeking hate and chaos. Scouts and kids of all hue and creed deserve better.

Wendy Jones

Day will be normal

■ Excellent strategy by the council... let's all go about our business and not let these morons disturb our daily routine.

silence in court

■ Councillor Hazel Simmons doesn't live in the real world. Who in their right minds would go shopping on a day when a potential riotous situation is in progress? Would she go into the town with children? I think not and I for one would certainly not expose my children to such a volatile situation.

Gabby

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Five arrested in anti-terror raids
@ABBASHUSSAIN It's a shame to see Luton again in the news today. It's a great town to live in.

It's alright for some...

@thegi6er Well sadly this is what we come to expect from our government...it truly is shameful!

Day of march will be 'normal'
says council

@voodooqueen86 LOL on the cup final day as well... I don't think so!

Champion Reynolds rings the changes

@reynoldsboxing Good write-up by @LutonOnSunday, make sure you check the papers!

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Cousin jailed for a bottle attack

BY JULIA SUTTON

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A MAN who smashed a Jack Daniel's whiskey bottle into his cousin's head in a row over a girl has been jailed for six years.

Majid Saleem, 22, of Marlborough Road, Luton, caused a wound that needed 16 stitches and then threatened Imran Sultan calling him 'a snitch' and telling him to drop the charges.

The men had been playing cards and drinking in a garage in Roman Road, Luton when, at around half past midnight, Mr Sultan took a call from a girlfriend, Luton Crown Court heard on Wednesday.

Geoffrey Porter, for the Crown Prosecution Service, said: "After the call, the defendant swore at Mr Sultan and called him a 'mother f.....' He picked up a bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey and said: 'I am going to bottle you.'"

"He hit him on the right side of the head. The bottle smashed on impact. Then he hit him and punched him a number of times."

Saleem then called for an ambulance, telling the operator that his cousin had collided

ed with a coffee table. After that Saleem telephoned and sent text messages to his victim asking him to drop the case.

One said: "Drop the case. It is a big mistake. I am going to do three and a half years. I am going to do you when I come out. You are a snitch."

In a victim impact statement Mr Sultan said he still suffers flashbacks and has dizzy spells.

Saleem pleaded guilty to wounding with intent on November 11 last year and intimidation between November 11 and November 23. He had a previous conviction for affray.

Defence barrister Gordon Ross said: "The evening started amicably. An argument erupted after the phone call and they were swearing at each other. It arose out of drink. They had been drinking from this bottle and he lashed out."

He said Saleem had accompanied his cousin to the hospital. Jailing him Judge Richard Foster said: "Drink was the root cause. It is never mitigation. It is aggravation. It was an unnecessary and unprovoked attack."



Funding bid in spotlight

TWO meetings been scheduled to discuss Wardown Park Museum's application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The public have been invited to the discussions, which will take place at the museum, in Luton, on Wednesday from 2pm-4pm, and May 8 from 6pm-8pm.

Karen Perkins, director of museums for Luton Culture, said: "We have had a lot of support for this project. It would be great if people can come to give us ideas on how we can improve it and express an interest to being kept up-to-date with the project bid."

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Please don't let our water be rationed by price in the future

EXCUSE me for returning to a subject on which I have already waxed lyrical. It is this damn drought, or phoney drought to be more exact.

I cannot believe that there can be another country in the world where it rains so much but we apparently don't have enough water to hose our gardens.

Not that anybody will be losing their gardens until at least June, assuming it ever stops raining.

I do not trust the water companies or their motives and I think that the politicians, the green lobby and the media are just letting them off the hook.

They have failed abysmally in their targets for stopping leaks, building new reservoirs and sharing water.

Yet they can announce this without there seeming to be any questions asked.

We are now being warned that the drought, together with all the recent rain, may cause floods. What? We were told that it would take at least a month's rain before the ban would be lifted.

So we have had a month's rain and are now being told it will need several months' rain. The environmentalists are no help, saying we must use less water to help save the planet. How does that work? The water doesn't disappear. When I was at school we were told matter,

including water, could neither be created or destroyed.

And that we were drinking the same water Julius Caesar drank. We are being conned, conned, conned.

What the water companies need to do is learn how to stop it leaking everywhere and either store more or share more.

What we need to do is stop accepting this drivel and start complaining a bit more.

Give the job to monopoly capitalism and the first thing that they will do is create a shortage and the second, put the price up.

We never had this state of affairs when it was an allegedly useless nationalised industry. Now the private water industry companies, having failed us completely, are demanding compulsory water meters. This they say will reduce the amount of water used because those currently with water meters use less than those without.

We all glibly accept this truth without asking whether this is because the people who have chosen to change to water meters are those who are sin-

gles or couples who know it will be cheaper for them.

I am not normally a conspiracy fan but this smells of a long-term plan to really privatise water and, at the same time make water companies huge profits.

This can only be done if everyone is on water meters.

Then the price can be hiked up and the better off can have the water they want and the poor the water they can afford.

Water is too much of a necessary commodity for all to be rationed by price.

But there are huge profits to be made from water, especially if allegedly there is not enough of it to go round, and we seem to be blindly walking into this grim future.

A few years from now, when there are water riots and armed guards around reservoirs, people will talk fondly of the days when water was available for all, and politicians and environmentalists will blame us for being too greedy and wanting too much of a scarce resource.

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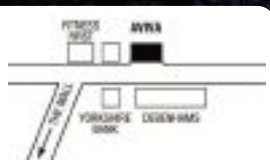
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Parents pay the price for kids skipping school

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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MORE than 300 parents have been prosecuted for allowing their children to play truant last year.

In Luton alone there were 254 parents taken to magistrates' court after their kids skipped school for a sustained period.

Of secondary school pupils in the town, 1.3 per cent had an 'unauthorised absence'.

In neighbouring Central Bedfordshire it was slightly lower with one per cent, with 59 parents appearing in court. Another 97 were given fixed penalty notices.

Prosecutions are taken when there has no 'significant' improvement after intervention and formal warnings from the council.

Last month the parents of a Dunstable pupil were given a six-month Community Order at

Luton Magistrates' Court after their child had only attended 20 out of 120 school days between January-July last year.

A Luton Borough Council spokesman said: "We agree annual action plans with schools to raise attendance."

"These focus on specific issues that cause absence in each individual school. We also do regular register checks along with analysis of attendance and absence data to pick up emerging patterns and identify potential non-attenders early."

"There is also casework with individual children and families. Schools also follow up absences quickly and ensure that parents understand the connection between their children's attendance and achievement."

Central Beds Cllr Mark Versallion said: "The council's overriding concern is to protect children's

entitlement to education. We would always prefer to take positive action, working with schools and offering support and advice to parents, to remedy a situation quickly in the interests of the child."

"This can include arranging meetings at the child's school and offering to visit parents at home to discuss any strategies which might help the child to attend school."

"We will also work with the school concerned to see if there are any underlying reasons for the child's failure to attend and consider if other agencies need to be involved."

"If parents then don't make serious and sustained efforts to improve their child's attendance then we will do whatever we need to, including taking court action, to protect a child's right to education."

Uni delighted at ranking leap

THE University of Bedfordshire has leapt 21 places in The Complete University Guide making it the highest climber in the country.

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Combating the problem

TWO anti-smoking groups have teamed up to raise awareness of the dangers of illegal tobacco in the area with a new campaign.

The scheme, by The Tobacco Free Luton Partnership and Bedfordshire Smokefree Alliance, comes after statistics published by the East of England Tobacco Control Team revealed that 29 per cent of people in Bedfordshire and Luton have been offered illegal tobacco, and 13 per cent have admitted buying it.

By definition, illegal tobacco comes in the form of counterfeit cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco, and is sold to consumers without any UK excise duty being paid on the products, while illicit tobacco products are smuggled into the country and can be the genuine product or counterfeit, either produced here or abroad.

HM Revenue and Customs has had a national strategy in place to tackle tobacco smuggling since 2000. In that time it has seized more than 20 billion cigarettes including 280,000 illegal cigarettes from a storage premises in Luton.

More than 3,300 criminals have been successfully prosecuted and more than £48 million in confiscation orders secured to recover the proceeds of crime.

Now, the campaign targeting Luton aims to make residents aware of the dangers of illegal tobacco, particularly the fact that the money raised from these products help to fund criminal

A NEW campaign launched this month is aiming to stop the sale of illegal and illicit tobacco in Luton. LAUREN ARCHELL reports on what illegal tobacco is and the danger it poses to communities.



Health Improvement Specialist Sullman Rafiq and Olena Sawal

gangs.

Cllr Aslam Khan, tobacco control champion at Luton Borough Council, said: "People don't necessarily comprehend the consequences of purchasing illegal tobacco. We want to make people understand how their actions might be impacting on their own neighbourhoods."

"Current laws make it difficult for young people to buy cigarettes. Illegal tobacco is sold anywhere at any time and to anyone. "If you are involved in criminal activity, you aren't going to be bothered whether or not you sell cigarettes to a 13-year-old because it's all about profit."

"This issue affects the whole community and its people in our communities that can help keep

illegal tobacco out by not buying it and by reporting anyone they think is selling it.

"As well as causing criminals to prey upon our children, purchasing illegal tobacco brings other crime into Bedfordshire and Luton."

Olena Sawal, public health programme manager, said that an additional problem was the fact that purchasing illegal tobacco brings other crime into Bedfordshire and Luton and undermines legitimate businesses.

"Tax is not paid on these products, which damages the businesses and shops that are paying tax."

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Illegal tobacco campaigners

Olena also said that one of the aims of the campaign is getting people to talk about the issue.

She said: "The problem with illegal tobacco is that it is often hidden, so if people don't let us know who is selling it, and where and when it is being sold or stored, it makes it difficult for Trading Standards enforcers to trace."

"Residents should look out for products being sold in any unusual places such as car boot sales, or by unauthorised traders in pubs, clubs or traders."

"Other things to look out for include products without health warnings or the 'UK duty paid' pack mark, unusual foreign brands or stores taking unusual out-of-hours deliveries."

She added that she has already seen a very positive response to the campaign from people in Luton. She said: "We have already held events with Trading Standards and Stop Smoking Services at St George's Square and at Luton Airport."

"We've had a great response and been able to make people

aware of what we are doing, and answered any of their queries and concerns."

"Already more than 6,000 have pledged to support the campaign and share any information about tobacco in the area by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111."

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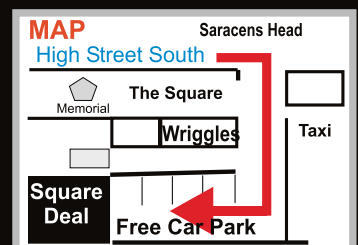
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Pushchair problems on the buses

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A MOTHER of twins has stopped going into the town centre after struggling to get her children's pushchair onto the buses.

Louise Cain, 33, of Runfold Avenue, Luton, is mum to ten-month-old twins Amaya-Louise and Kaiden and regularly used the number 9 bus to get to the town centre.

However, having had repeated problems getting the buggy on the double-decker buses that are mostly put on the route, Miss Cain has decided that she has had enough.

She said: "It's just impossible to get on to the double-decker buses.

"Even if I could get the buggy on the bus, there is no room for it to be left up once I do get on.

"This means I have to fold the

pushchair while holding the twins and the nappy bag, and then sit with them on my lap for the journey.

"I don't feel that is safe and I won't do it.

"There are a number of sets of twins in the area and I don't understand why they don't put more single decker buses on this route."

A spokeswoman from Arriva said: "Arriva is currently operating approximately 70 per cent of the Luton and Dunstable fleet with low floor buses.

"Over recent months we have been trying to allocate buggy friendly style buses on to the 9 as we are aware of the demand for this type of bus in the area the route serves.

"This is not always possible and we can only apologise when a stepped entrance bus has to go on the route.



Mothers of twins, Lorraine Bailey Louise Cain and Harriet Kelly at the bus stop on Birdsfoot Lane

"Later this year and next year we will be adding more low floor buses to our local fleet and this will improve the situation even further."

Cops need witnesses to street fight

NINE men were arrested by police following a brawl in the street.

Two groups of men were involved in an argument which developed in to a fight at 6.40pm on Monday in Latimer Road, Luton, outside Universal Clutches.

Those arrested were released on police bail pending further investigation.

The officer in charge of the investigation, Detective Sergeant Mark Taylor, said: "Although we have arrested several people in connection with this incident it is still important that we trace members of the public who may have seen the incident.

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Convictions rise in animal cruelty cases

BY LUI STRACCIA

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NEARLY half of all animal cruelty and neglect suspects reported were convicted last year.

But the RSPCA is under pressure due to its workload.

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As well as a rise in those convicted under the Animal Welfare Act and other legislation, bans on keeping animals also increased in 2011, along with the number of prison sentences imposed for animal cruelty.

RSPCA chief executive Gavin Grant said: "We face a crisis that is stretching us to breaking point."

"We show zero tolerance to animal abusers. Anyone causing animals pain for profit or pleasure will be tracked down and prosecuted."

"We need the courts and councils, police and people who care to join us in standing up and get-

ting justice for Britain's abused animals."

Sally Case, head of society prosecutions, said: "The RSPCA strives to keep animals with their owners wherever possible and offers advice on improving their welfare."

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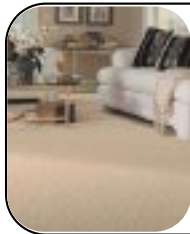
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Taking the fear out of reporting crime

BY LUI STRACCIA

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YOUNG people are being urged to become 'fearless in the fight against crime' following the launch of a new service for the county.

Crimestoppers has started the mobile website www.fearless.org to encourage visitors to have the confidence to pass on information about crimes affecting them '100 per cent anonymously while on the move'.

Everyday 23 people are arrested as a result of tip-offs given via Crimestoppers, and it is hoped the new facility will increase the rate even further.

Richard Denton, schools co-ordinator for Bedfordshire Police,

said: "While we work very closely with local young people in schools and other youth settings, we understand that some often don't feel comfortable telling the police, their parents or school about crime they might be seeing."

"Gaining information from them from Fearless.org will enable us and our partners to better understand and therefore better respond to the issues that young people face".

Crimestoppers spokeswoman Ann Scott said: "Young people are one of the most important audiences for Crimestoppers to communicate with, but they haven't always understood or been willing to interact with the charity."

"One of the key reasons for re-launching Crimestoppers for

young people is to empower them to be 'fearless' in passing on information about crime anonymously if they feel unable to talk to police.

"We want to reassure young people that information they give to Fearless.org about crime is taken seriously and that they have nothing to fear by contacting the charity."

"When someone contacts us we do not ask for their name or take any personal details. We do not trace calls/IP addresses and we do not record our calls."

"Those who give information do not have to give a statement to police or go to court. In the 24 years that Crimestoppers has been running we have never revealed anyone's identity."

Special week will help to 'Save the sparrow'

A 'SAVE the Sparrow' campaign will be launched next month.

Bupa care home residents in Luton and Dunstable are taking a walk on the wildside in a bid to attract more wildlife into care home grounds and gardens.

Bupa's Wildlife Week (May 7-13) will see staff and residents enjoying a week of special activities, focusing on helping boost the house sparrow population.

As well as encouraging the community to join their 'Save the Sparrow' campaign, the care homes are calling on volunteers



to lend a hand during the week to help create sparrow-friendly gardens.

The project is being backed by the RSPB, with care homes across the UK linking

up with the wildlife charity to receive expert support and advice about the best ways to create wildlife havens for species that are currently in decline.

Nicky Berry, home manager at Greenacre Residential Home in Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable, said: "It's a great way for our residents to appreciate the fresh air or enjoy a spot of bird watching, and for those who may not be as active, simply drawing attention to any wildlife around them can help reminiscence and trigger happy memories."

Man flashes at teen on her way to school

POLICE are hunting a man who exposed himself to a 16-year-old girl.

He drove past the teenager several times in a convertible, silver car – possibly a BMW – on Monday at 8.15am in Victoria Street, Dunstable, as she was walking to school.

The driver then pulled over and as the girl walked by she noticed that he had exposed himself. She ran away and alerted the police when she got to school.

Officers are keen to speak with anyone who may have seen the man in the car, which possibly had a soft top roof, either before or afterwards.

He is described as being white, in his late 20s or early 30s, of chubby build, clean shaven, with a crew cut and was wearing a black top.

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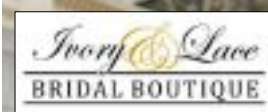
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Children's services get 'good' rating

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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SERVICES that safeguard children in Luton have been assessed as being 'good' by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission, according to a new report published this week.

Inspectors found that Luton Borough Council has made much progress, which is improving outcomes for children and young people.

Cllr Tahir Khan (pictured) said: "Safeguarding children and young people is a top priority for the council. "That's why despite the challenging financial environment we are



faced with, we have made a farsighted decision to make no reductions in front-line safeguarding services, and have invested in our referral and assessment service

and our specialist assessment team. We must ensure we are meeting the needs of the most vulnerable citizens of the town.

"We are therefore very pleased inspectors recognised our strong partnership working at both strategic and operational levels."

In December 2010 an unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment services identified eight significant areas of development and inspectors found that progress had been made in all areas with the majority having been fully addressed.

As part of their evaluation they also had to assess the capacity for improvement and this was rated as

good, recognising that the authority, health organisations and partners have a strong track record of improving services.

Martin Pratt, director of Children and Learning said: "I am really pleased that Ofsted have recognised the hard work of all agencies to protect Luton's children and to provide the best life chances for children in our care.

"I especially want to recognise the contribution of the council's frontline staff and, of course, the children and young people who it is our privilege to work with.

"We have made real progress and, as the report indicates, we still have more to do."

Fraudster has to pay up

A BENEFITS fraudster has been told to repay the £7,000 she stole from taxpayers.

Marcella Taylor-Smith, 33, of Thaxted Close, Luton, appeared at Luton Magistrates' Court on Monday and pleaded guilty to housing and council tax fraud.

Luton Borough Council's Audit and Investigations Team had investigated her benefit claim and found she had failed to report changes in her employment and income.

By keeping quiet about the change in her personal circumstances, she fraudulently obtained benefits of £7,312.

After pleading guilty, Taylor-Smith received a six-month Community Order with a 12-week curfew from 8pm to 6am. Cllr Robin Harris said: "We have a dedicated fraud team whose job is to find anyone who is stealing money from the public purse."



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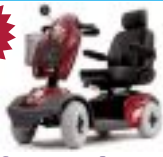
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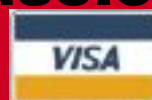
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Students sample the market life

A GROUP of entrepreneurial students from Luton Sixth Form College have gained their chance to experience the real business world, after winning a market contract.

The BTEC Level 3 Enterprise & Entrepreneurship students were commended at the Enterprise Week Awards ceremony held last week, with special guest Luton Mayor Cllr Don Worthington.

Town & Country Markets offered Luton Market stalls to students during the week, who had to show their business initiative selling a variety of products.

The week involved more than 18 teams of students trading on market stalls, with £2,500 raised for charitable causes. A large portion of the students' profits will be donated to Project Malawi.

The winning team were awarded a six month market contract, courtesy of Town & Country Markets. Sherbarz Khan, Nikhil Mehta, Najam Abbas, Zen Mahmood, Rob West and Reeon Wiltshire comprised the winning team.

David Gibbs, Regional Manager South of Town & Country Markets, has been working alongside the students at the market stalls.

He believes that the students' experience on the market will give them a foot in the door for their future career, and said: "I was looking to offer a live environment for students across the town and we did this through a contact at the council. It was fantastic for them to have that environment and to taste the world of retail."

Speaking at the event, Simon Kitchen, Principal of Luton Sixth Form College said: "There was tremendous energy and enthusiasm of the team. I'm delighted that our students and staff have shown that this is the way forward."

Jillian's book set to become a 'must-have' research tool



Jillian Farquhar, Professor of Marketing Strategy at the University of Bedfordshire

A UNIVERSITY academic is leading the way in business case study research with a new book.

Jillian Farquhar, Professor of Marketing Strategy at the University of Bedfordshire, launched 'Case Study Research for Business' at a ceremony at Bedfordshire Business School.

It is the only case study research textbook written exclusively for the study of marketing, business and its related disciplines.

Professor Farquhar said: "Everyone used case studies to explain what happens in marketing or business, but this is the first book that gives step-by-step guidance on how to get it right."

"Case study research is becoming increasingly popular for academic study in business and management and there have been calls for a dedicated text."

"This book takes a step-by-step approach to case study research design by drawing on research philosophies in order to provide firmer theoretical foundations for research, as well as analysing practical issues and providing useful tips."

Dr Julie Robson, director of Enterprise at Bournemouth University Business School, said: "Case study research is surrounded by confusion, uncertainty and prejudice."

"The book provides both a comprehensive understanding and step-by-step guide that should enable anyone to confidently select and undertake case study based research."

"With its easy to read format, this text will soon become one of the small handful of 'must have' research texts for students and other researchers."

Case Study Research for Business is available to buy now on www.amazon.co.uk

The university won the Queen's Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2011.

Matthew's in the frame for a top award

THE financial director of a global hotel, coffee shop and restaurant company has been shortlisted for a prestigious award.

Matthew Price, of Dunstable-based Whitbread has been nominated in the FD of the Future category of the FDs' Excellence Awards.

Since working as financial director at Whitbread, Matthew has worked with the managing director and executive team to more than treble the sales and

profits of Costa Coffee in three years to £800m of system sales.

He has also helped acquire, integrate and grow two companies - Coffeeheaven, the coffee shop market leader in Poland, and Coffee Nation, the premier self-serve coffee bar operator in the UK.

He will find out if he has won the award at the grand ceremony which takes place on May 24 at the London Marriott Hotel, in Grosvenor Square.

The awards recognise the best-performing FDs from quoted and privately owned companies in the UK, as well as the service providers that support Britain's finance community.

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Landlords: Be aware of changes

THE National Landlords Association (NLA) is reminding landlords and letting agents that they must protect a tenancy deposit with an approved government scheme, after changes to the Localism Act came into force earlier this month.

These latest changes give landlords 30 days to protect the deposit after receiving it from their tenant, up from the previous 14 days. The changes apply in England and Wales.

Landlords must also give their tenant the required Prescribed Information and Deposit Protection Certificate as proof it is protected within this 30-day period.

These changes were made to the Localism Act to close a legal loophole, which saw some landlords successfully appeal against penalties for failing to protect a deposit.

If a landlord fails to protect a deposit, they could be taken to court and fined between one and three times the deposit amount and will be unable to apply for a possession order with a Section 21 notice until the matter is resolved.

NLA chairman David Salusbury said: "These changes are helpful to landlords who now have extra time to ensure any deposit they take is properly protected."

"But they must make sure they do so within the 30 day time limit as changes to the law now make penalties strictly enforceable."

Eddie Hooker, chief executive of deposit protection scheme mydeposits, said: "It is vitally important that landlords, letting agents and tenants are aware of tenancy deposit protection and these changes in the legislation."

"With mydeposits, landlords can legally protect a tenant's deposit and keep it in their own account. It also gives the tenant peace of mind that their deposit money is protected with a government-approved scheme."

For more information or to protect a deposit, visit www.mydeposits.co.uk

Belvoir's bid to fill 'Britain's Ghost City'



IN the UK in 2012 over one million perfectly hospitable homes will lie vacant, with 350,000 being empty for over six months.

Experts call this phenomenon 'Britain's Ghost City' and leading residential lettings specialist, Belvoir, is only too aware of the problem.

Belvoir, which has an office on Marsh Road in Luton, is making an effort to assist its private landlords to bring their properties back into use.

Chief executive officer, Dorian Gonsalves (pictured) said: "Empty housing levels should never have been allowed to get so high and the measures taken so far to alleviate the problem have bore little fruit."

"We welcome the allocation of government funds but as a private enterprise we realise the crucial role we can play in the process."

Nearly 90 per cent of Britain's empty homes are privately owned and Belvoir deals with private landlords every day of the week.

The problem with a lot of the properties they see is that they need to be brought up to a rentable standard and the landlords simply don't have

the expertise or the money to fund the work.

Adrian Mason of Belvoir Luton said: "Finance is the biggest issue but it is not the only issue."

"Some landlords are hesitant because they have little experience of the lettings process whilst others have had bad experiences with tenants, contractors and rogue letting agents. At Belvoir we have the expertise to put their minds at ease."

"In and around Luton we've seen a huge rise in demand for high quality rental accommodation."

"Demand is far outstripping supply and project managing empty house renovations has proved a popular service with landlords as well as a pro-active way of getting more properties onto the open market."

Belvoir's services offered to landlords with empty homes include property auditing, recommendations of contractors, project management of refurbishment, and finding and referencing tenants.

To find out how your local Belvoir office can help fill your empty property contact 01582 345 644.

Boost as 24 roles created

CONNECT Property Services have employed 24 more people following their recent recruitment drive.

Part of Aldwyck Housing Group, Connect Property Services is expanding and last month short-listed from hundreds of applicants to recruit new bathroom and kitchen fitters, painters and decorators, electricians and gas engineers.

The new employees live locally within Herts, Beds and Bucks, with the majority coming from Bedfordshire.

Managing director of Connect Property Services, Gary Goggins, said: "It is important that we recruit to support employment in the local community and boost economic activity within the area."

"I am delighted that Connect Property Services continues to grow its business despite the continued economic downturn."

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Deadline extended for awards

THE Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has offered an extra week's grace to budding award-winners in Bedfordshire.

The deadline for entries to be submitted has been extended to Thursday, giving business owners an extra precious few days to fine-tune their entries.

Charlie Smith, regional chairman of the FSB, said: "We want to give Bedfordshire businesses the best possible chance to win."

"Our previous winners have enjoyed some fantastic benefits, including an average 30 per cent increase in business."

Any business in Bedfordshire either self-employed or with up to 200 employees can enter up to

three categories out of the 15 available.

Application forms and tips on entering the awards can be downloaded at www.fsb.org.uk/bedsawards

In addition to the title sponsor – Mercedes-Benz of Bedford – some equally prestigious Bedfordshire Businesses have linked with the FSB to sponsor the 15 categories. These include Luton Borough Council, TaxAssist Accountants, Specsavers, Knowledge Hub and Basepoint.

All finalists will be invited to attend the glittering awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 13 at the Mansion House, Shuttleworth.

Plans to get young people into work

YOUTH unemployment will be tackled in a new scheme which offers incentives to businesses who take on people in a certain age range.

The Youth Contract Scheme will offer incentives worth more than £2,275 for each 18-24-year-old that an employer offers a paid position to and will also create 250,000 work experience places nationwide.

Carmen Watson, managing director of Pertemps Network Group, said: "A problem that many young people in

Bedfordshire face when trying to enter the job market is a lack of experience, even if they have the abilities and ambition to succeed.

"Providing opportunities for young people to gain entry into jobs will offer a new glimmer of hope for 18-24-year-olds, particularly those that have been out of work for long periods of time."

"Businesses that have plans to expand now have avenues to recruit among sections of society where there is a huge amount of potential."

"As a result, they now have the sup-

port to invest in the future of the nation's workforce and also the future of their own businesses.

"Clearly, this scheme will just be one part of the solution to joblessness but as long as the issue of youth unemployment remains a priority, we will hopefully make steady progress."

"The Government says that it is determined to tackling youth unemployment. In this current climate, this determination should drive tangible results."

Store does its bit to raise money for children's charity

THE BHS Luton store has raised more than £150 for charity.

The outlet got the money together for the NSPCC during an Easter weekend extravaganza to support the children's charity.

Staff at the branch took part in a variety of fundraising activities including in-store collec-

tions, nail painting, raffles, fancy dress and promoting the sale of NSPCC teaspoons.

BHS restaurants also supported fundraising efforts, offering their customers a fantastic food raffle with prizes ranging from a cup of tea to a fish supper and selling NSPCC tea spoons for a suggested

£1 donation. In total BHS stores across the UK raised over a fantastic £68,000 over the Easter weekend.

Louise Taylor, head of marketing for BHS said: "The Easter weekend extravaganza was a great success and we are thrilled that our efforts have paid off."

Emma Taylor, NSPCC corporate fundraising manager, said: "BHS have been fantastic supporters of NSPCC and staff are always keen to get stuck in to fundraising activities."

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Managing director, Glyn Jones, said: "Our business has an important role to play in our local community and we are proud of the contributions that the airport has made in 2011.

"We will work with key stakeholders to ensure we continue to contribute positively to the local community and we look forward to making progress in this area in 2012 as we strive to be the best neighbour we can be."

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Megan, Max &
all the family
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Amie Gilbert

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begin!!!!
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Dad and Leah xxxxx



GAVIN LLOYD

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Birthday for Friday
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Lots of love
Charlotte and all
the family xx

Thanks



Esme & Joe

Would like to thank all our family and
friends for the love and support over
the past 12 months.

Each and every one of you gave us
belief and hope and for that we are
eternally grateful.

And to he who shan't be made -
THANK YOU.

"No matter where I roam,
I will return to my English Rose; for
no-one, will ever keep me from she"

Deaths

MUIR - Jessie of Luton
passed away on 18th
April 2012 aged 92
years. A dear mum,
grandma & great
grandma who will be
greatly missed. Funeral
service on Tuesday May
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close. God bless, love
Edna.

LOVESEY Eric
1st May 2009. In loving
memory of Eric from
his family in Scotland,
Canada and Bedford.

COLGRAVE Eddie.
Miss you more with
each passing year. Love
Julie and Sharon.

HARRIS Lizzie.
Always missed, never
forgotten. Dick, Rose
and Mark

**Lynn
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Mum our love
for you grows
stronger with
each passing year.
In our hearts you
will always stay.
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**KEITH
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(Dada)

30th March 1930

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from us at home on
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I THANK THEE

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and especially during the nights and days.

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In Jesus name

Sadly missed by wife Claudette Neita, children Anthony,
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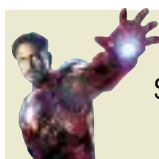
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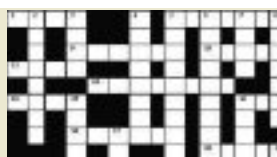
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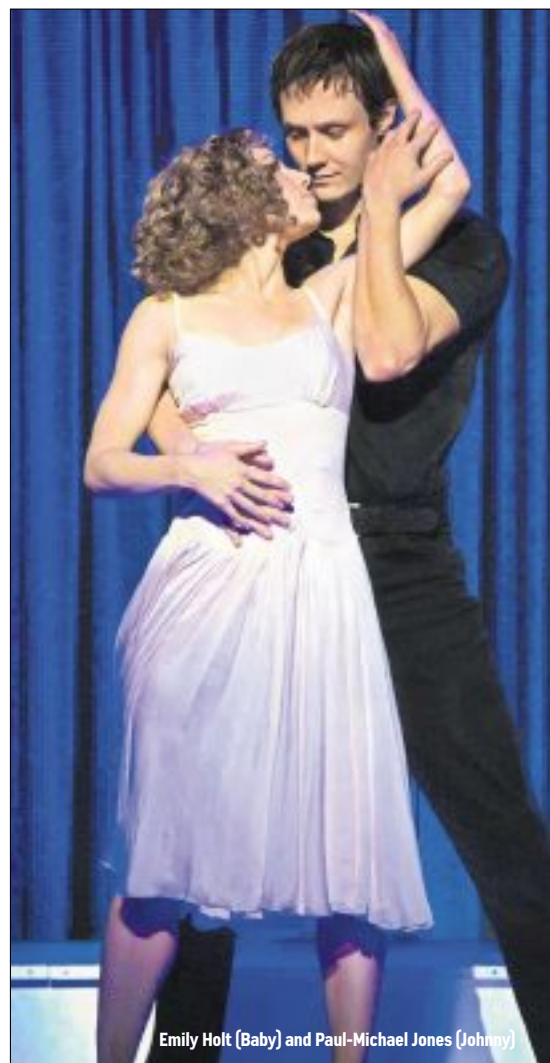


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Emily Holt (Baby) and Paul-Michael Jones (Johnny)

REVIEW

DIRTY DANCING – THE CLASSIC STORY ON STAGE

Milton Keynes Theatre
May 1 - May 26

STOP PRESS! Theatre critics don't know everything. When *Dirty Dancing* first hit the London stage in 2004 they gave a less than enthusiastic response to Eleanor Bergstein's stage adaption of her 1987 cult movie. They suggested that it was a pale imitation of the film which starred Jennifer Grey and the late Patrick Swayze.

Audiences across the world took not one jot of notice. They liked it. A lot. In the words of the famous closing song, they were having the time of their life.

It is the summer of 1963 and in America President Kennedy is still alive, the Beatles have yet to take the country by storm and bright, liberally-minded young things are joining freedom marches for civil rights and signing up for the Peace Corps.

Frances 'Baby' Houseman, a nice Jewish girl from a well-to-do family, is holidaying at Kellerman's resort – a kind of upmarket Butlin's in New York state. A real daddy's girl, 'Baby' is about to take a short but very intensive course in growing up from the resort's handsome dance pro, Johnny Castle; topics include lessons in filial disobedience, dancing and sex.

When Penny Johnson, Johnny's regular partner, falls pregnant and has to seek out a back-street abortion, Baby steps into Penny's dancing shoes to partner Johnny in his time of need. For millions of



Paul-Michael Jones (Johnny) and Charlotte Gooch (Penny)

women, cue the most lip-smacking, spine-tingling daydream of all – goofy kid in sneakers gets swept up by brooding hunk in black who, though he has a reputation for being mad, bad and dangerous to know, is actually strong and sensitive; and most of all he CAN DANCE!

There are token nods in the direction of civil rights, feminism and a woman's right to choose but *Dirty Dancing* is, at its beating heart, a dance musical; the ultimate feel-good, romantic adventure.

When it's clear that Baby and Johnny are about to spend the night together for

the first time he asks her: "Are you scared?"

In reply, Baby voices the thoughts of everyone who has ever had regrets about the choices they have made: "I'm scared of everything but most of all I'm scared of walking out of this room and never feeling the same again."

Emily Holt, as Baby, makes the journey from self-conscious teenager with two left feet to self-confident young dancing queen with real sensitivity and just enough of a struggle to make the transformation believable.

Paul-Michael Jones has a harder job on his hands (with

his talent for dancing, his feet have no problem). First of all he is a natural blonde. It may seem ridiculously superficial but Johnny Castle really does have to come across as the mysterious man in black. Hair dye doesn't quite do the trick. And 25 years on, Patrick Swayze is still one extremely magnetic act to beat.

But, from the moment that Charlotte Gooch, as the unfortunately up-the-spout Penny, performs the first 'Dirty Dance' – a kind of rumba with added spice – it's 'Strictly', eat your heart out. Penny and Johnny are sex on legs – and, in the case of Charlotte Gooch, what legs!

Small wonder then, that when the mousey little kid gets to dance in Penny's place, all those *Dirty Dancing* Devotees (DDs) in the audience who identify with Baby rise up as one and whoop, cheer and wolf-whistle the place down. *Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story on Stage* – may be an almost slavish rendition of the movie but it has something the film doesn't have; the added magic of live theatre.

So when Johnny, having been fired from Kellerman's, bursts back into the auditorium and leaps up onto stage to declare "No-one puts Baby in the corner!" all hell breaks loose among the DDs.

And when the moment arrives for him to sweep Baby high above his head in what has to be the most famous dance lift of all time, there is nothing less than enthusiastic uproar. Of course you'll have to suspend any lingering remnants of disbelief but, for pure escapist entertainment, you can't beat *Dirty Dancing* and "the summer we went to Kellerman's".

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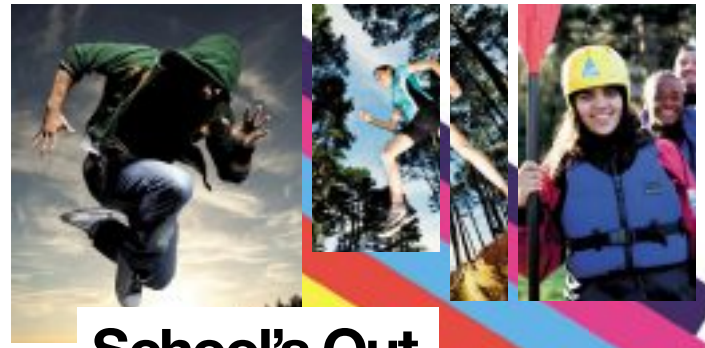
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BBC1, 8pm

It's a well-known fact that Britain loves a good antique. You only have to take into consideration the longevity and popularity of this show, itself something of a much-treasured oldie, to see that it's true. This week, Fiona and the team head to the famed town of Stratford-upon-Avon, where with William Shakespeare's home so close by, they make a particular search for objects from the days of Elizabethan England. Up for examination are a dining table, a jewel said to have magical powers, and a portrait of Robert Dudley, First Earl of Leicester, and an important patron of theatre in the court of Elizabeth I.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Cash in the Attic. (R) **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Human Planet. (R) **5.00** Points of View. **5.15** Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker spruces up beach huts in Southwold, Suffolk.

7.25 The Voice UK Results. Tom Jones and Will.i.am each lose one act.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Charlecote park, near Stratford-upon-Avon, the hometown of William Shakespeare, where they appraise objects from the days of Elizabethan England.

9.00 Silent Witness. Part one of two. Leo investigates the mysterious death of a psychiatric patient.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Damian Lewis guest-hosts the current affairs quiz.

11.10 Room 101 — Extra Storage. With Gregg Wallace, Gabby Logan and Sarah Millican.

11.50 FILM: The Man Without a Face. (1993) Drama, starring Mel Gibson.

1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix race. **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage of the second round in Sheffield.

6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeathon. Si King and Dave Myers travel through France, where they make tarte aux pralines, a savoury stuffed brochette, apricot tarte Tatin and, of course, the traditional French baguette. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine and Rishi Persad present coverage of the final session on day nine at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Spear fishing on Madagascar and the world's smallest national park.

9.00 Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. Part two of two. The actor travels the Congo river.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers.

11.05 Grandma's House. Simon spots a chance to move out of his grandmother's house. (R)

11.35 Snooker: The World Championship. The final session on day nine at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre.

12.25 Snooker Extra. **2.25** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **1.35** The Planet's Funniest Animals. **2.05** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.35** Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes. (2000) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Billy Connolly. **4.25** Film: Tea with Mussolini. (1999) Period comedy drama, starring Maggie Smith.

6.35 Regional News; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather. **7.00** All Star Family Fortunes. Tottenham Hotspur strike r. Jermain Defoe and his family compete against actress Martine McCutcheon and her relatives to win up to £30,000 for charity.

8.00 Vera. The detective investigates the murder of a popular social worker and an infamous past case involving the death of a child appears to hold the key to solving the mystery.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.15** Perspectives: Wind in the Willows with Griff Rhys Jones. The actor and comedian explores the classic children's tale, delving into the history of the book and the life of its author Kenneth Grahame.

11.15 The Cube. A hurling instructor competes. (R)

12.10 The Store. (R) ITV News Headlines. **2.15** River Monsters. (R) **3.05** Motorsport UK. **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Wheelchair Rugby Highlights: London Prepares. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: Meet Dave. (2008) Premiere. Sci-fi comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **4.00** Time Team. **5.00** Film: The Parent Trap. (1998) Comedy remake, starring Lindsay Lohan.

7.25 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv. Imam Abdullah Hasan discusses how Islam can help people overcome depression.

8.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Sarah Millican takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for her chosen charity. Hosted by Noel Edmonds.

9.00 Homeland. Saul visits Carrie in hospital after the explosion and finds her postulating frantically about Abu Nazir, but realises her theories have merit. Brody takes his family to Gettysburg.

10.05 FILM: The Bank Job. (2008) Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and Saffron Burrows.

12.20 Film: My Name Is Khan. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Shahrukh Khan. **2.30** Brain Damage. (R) **2.40** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.45** Smallville. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.45** Mio Mao. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.15** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **12.15** Cowboy Traders. (R) **1.15** William and Kate: One Year On. (R) **2.20** Film: William & Kate. (2011) **4.05** Film: Scooby-Doo. (2002) **5.45** Film: Mulan. (1998) Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ming-Na and Eddie Murphy.

7.30 5 News Weekend.

7.35 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R)

8.00 Once Upon a Time.

9.00 FILM: A Perfect Getaway. (2009) Premiere. Thriller, starring Milla Jovovich.

10.45 FILM: An American Haunting. (2005) Fact-based period horror, starring Donald Sutherland.

12.30 The World of Stupid Criminals. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **4.50** Country Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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ITV2
3.20 The Only Way Is Essex **4.50** Britain's Got Talent **5.50** Britain's Got More Talent **6.50** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Oily: Life on Murs **11.45** Film: GoldenEye (1995)

ITV3

3.45 Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971) **5.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** An Audience with Lionel Richie **9.00** Film: Caddyshack (1980) **11.00** Cracker

ITV4

11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Round three from Thruxton. **6.00** The Sweeney **7.00** Minder **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **10.00** Film: Get Carter (1971)

BBC THREE

7.00 Don't Blame the Dog **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride USA **9.50** Don't Tell the Bride: Greatest Moments **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

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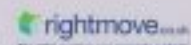
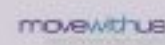
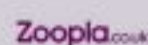
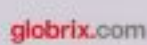
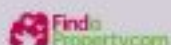
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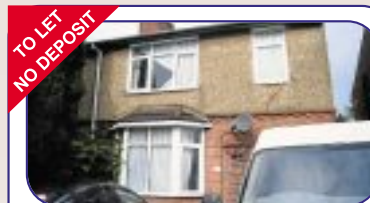
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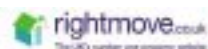
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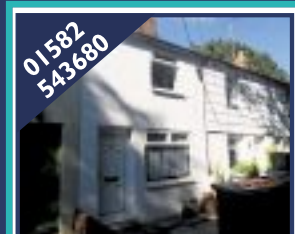
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Arnold Academy,
Hexton Road, Barton-le-Clay,
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Tel: 01582 616400
Email: admin@arnold.beds.sch.uk



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Required September 2012 a part-time teacher (0.4) of general subjects. MPS.

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Contact Wendy Simpson (Office Manager) to arrange a visit. Application details are available on our academy website: www.arnold.beds.sch.uk
Closing date: Noon Friday 11th May 2012
Interviews: Wednesday 16th May 2012

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Closing date: Friday 11 May 2012.

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Flitwick Library	Monday 14th May 2012	10.00 – 11.30 hours

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For more information, please contact us on 0300 300 8131 or email us at CBLDC@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



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For more information or to request an application pack please contact us on **0300 300 8131** or email CBLDC@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Successful applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Closing date: Friday 25 May 2012.

Please note that apprenticeship programme is only available to residents of Central Bedfordshire

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Please telephone Lou Ellis (Headteacher's PA.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

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Closing Date: Wednesday 9th May, 2012

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, 86% of students gain 5A* - C grades at GCSE (72% including Maths and English). Over the last 3 years our Value Added Score has been very high peaking at 1030 in 2009 with a rolling average of 1018. 'A' Level results are also very good with 57% of passes at 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 98.7%. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to University. This year 4 students got into Oxbridge and our Sixth Form results were graded as "excellent". The school had an excellent OFSTED Report in 2008 and was graded as "OUTSTANDING". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.

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Closing date: 8 May 2012.

Ref: 12/0137

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Ashton C of E Middle School

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Dates: Job start September 2012

Location: Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

Contract term: Permanent, TLR2B

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CLOSING DATE: 4th May 2012



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An application form, job description and personnel specification, together with other relevant details may be obtained from the personnel section on 01234 845025.

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NQTs with relevant qualifications would be considered.

For further details or an application form please contact Mrs J Miller on 01582 721019 or email richmond.hill.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 14 May 2012 at 12 noon.

Ref: 40/0396

Interview date: w/c 21 May 2012.

HILLBOROUGH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Hillborough Road, Luton LU1 5EZ

Teacher - PPA

MPS/UPS

Required for September 2012

You will have previous experience of teaching Key Stage 2 and have an up to date knowledge of the National Curriculum. The position requires cover for all year groups. As the PPA cover teacher at the school you will not have your own class but will cover for the other teachers at the school when they are receiving their allocated PPA time. You will:

- be a strong supporter of the school's ethos
- have excellent teaching skills and good classroom management.

We will offer:

- a friendly and supportive team
 - enthusiastic and talented pupils.
- Part-time hours would be considered.

Ref: 40/0390

Family Worker

£10,818 - £11,990 per annum

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Required for September 2012 to work with the current family worker as part of the school team. You will provide information, advice and support to families on a range of issues, as well as organising fun activities and learning opportunities for children and adults. You will have previous experience working with children and families. You will be able to work independently and as part of a team to co-ordinate and manage a variety of activities for families and develop effective partnerships with outside agencies.

Ref: 40/0391

Teaching Assistants

£9,110 - £10,783 per annum (dependant on experience)

26.67 hours per week, term time only

Two Teaching Assistants are required for September 2012

You will be committed to raising achievement and working in a supportive, well motivated team where relationships throughout the school are a strength.

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- work well as part of a team
- be prepared to deal with children with learning/behavioural difficulties
- have good literacy and numeracy skills
- have previous experience working as a teaching assistant.

Ref: 40/0392

For further information and an application pack please contact Mrs L Farrelly at the school address or call 01582 613331.

Please note that requests for application forms must be accompanied by a large stamped addressed envelope or may be collected from the school reception. Closing date for Hillborough roles: 9 May 2012.

RAMRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Turners Road North, Luton LU2 9AH

KS1 / KS2 Teacher

MPS/UPS

Ref: 40/0393

Early Years Teacher

MPS/UPS

Ref: 40/0394

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For further information and to arrange a visit please contact Louise Marsden, Business & Resource Manager at the school address or call 01582 729970.

Closing date for Ramridge roles: 10 May 2012.

GILL BLOWERS NURSERY SCHOOL

1 Mossdale Court, Levensale, Luton LU4 9JL

Following the re-organisation of Children's Centres in the west area of Luton, Gill Blowers Nursery School, as the lead agency for the Community Link Hub, is looking to recruit new staff to participate in taking this exciting and challenging new venture forward.

Family Worker

£23,708-£26,276 per annum full time

Fixed term contract for 1 year

We are wishing to recruit a Children's Centre Family Worker with a focus on outreach in the community, who will work flexibly across the hub and spoke cluster. You will have substantial experience of working with young children and families and will have a minimum of Level 3 qualification in Child Care and English and Mathematics GCSE or equivalent experience. You will be able to work independently to co-ordinate and manage the delivery of appropriate support services and activities that will be tailored to meet the diverse needs of families and children in the reach area. You will be able to do this through developing effective partnerships with parents, families and other agencies in order to deliver effective outcomes for families.

Ref: 40/0386

Administration Officer

£18,453 - £20,198 per annum full time

Fixed term contract for 1 year

We are looking for a full time Administration Officer with expertise in data handling to become part of our team.

You will have:

- expertise in handling and inputting data
- a well organised, efficient approach to administrative tasks
- a friendly and approachable manner
- excellent communication skills.

Ref: 40/0385

For further information and an application pack please send a large stamped addressed envelope Deborah Harmon, Headteacher at the school address or call 01582 575100.

Closing date for Gill Blowers roles: 4 May 2012.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

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If you believe you have the knowledge and competencies required for this position, please send a letter of application and full CV to HR Department, Active Luton, Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Valley Park, Eaton Green Road, Luton LU2 9JB. Alternatively these can be emailed to info@activeluton.co.uk A job description and person specification can be downloaded from www.activeluton.co.uk

Closing date midday on Friday 11th May 2012

Interviews will be held 17th/18th May 2012

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Cook

Icknield Primary School

£7.79 - £8.32 per hour

25 hours per week Term Time Only (Mon-Fri)

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Experience of large scale catering, with knowledge of food preparation, cooking and service is essential, along with the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

You must be able to demonstrate high level of cookery skills, have basic knowledge of food and personal hygiene and kitchen safety legislation as well as a Level 2 award in food safety in catering.

Closing date: 3 May 2012.

Ref: 12/0187

Mobile Kitchen Manager

£17,028 - £18,742 p.a.

35 hours per week, Term Time Only

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Closing date: 3 May 2012.

Ref: 12/0186

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Closing date: Friday 11 May 2012.

Interviews: Tuesday 22 May 2012.

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Sundon Park Junior School
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CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

For further information and an application pack please send a large SAE to Ms C Outlaw, at the school address or collections from the School Office are welcome.

Closing Date: 10th May 2012

Interview Date: 15th May 2012



The UK Centre for Carnival Arts is a unique national creation centre pioneering excellent and accessible carnival creation and learning. Working with the carnival community in Luton, international artists and aspiring carnivalists from across the UK, the centre is housed in a £7.2m state of the art centre.

The UKCCA have secured funding from Heritage Lottery Fund to gather an archive about the rich history of carnival and street celebrations in the East of England that is accessible and interpreted to produce inspiring local, regional and national stories for everybody to enjoy and learn from. We are currently seeking a

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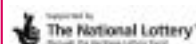
To be responsible for planning and implementation of the effective preservation, future migration access to and security of the digital assets and their metadata created by the online Carnival Archive Project. The Digital Archivist also is also responsible for supporting the collecting activities of the Archive Co-ordinators, based across the region.

Experience of successfully managing born-digital collections is essential along with experience of working with community and voluntary organisations.

To request an application pack, please email
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Closing date: Friday 18th May 12 noon

The UKCCA is an equal opportunities employer and job sharing will be considered.



School Appointments

Hawthorn Park Lower School

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MPS (Quote ref: 2886)

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Required for September 2012.

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Closing date: 8 May 2012.

Interview date: 14 May 2012.

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Closing date: 14 May 2012.

Interview date: 22 May 2012.

For further details and an application pack please contact
L Johnson, Hawthorn Park Lower School, Parkside Drive,
Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, LU5 5QN. Tel: 01582 863859.
Email: ljohnson@cbc.beds.sch.uk

Slip End Lower School

YEAR 3 CLASS TEACHER

MPS (Quote ref: 2889)

Full time

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed teacher to teach a small Year 3 class.

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The post is a fixed-term contract for one year, due to fluctuating pupil numbers.

Visits to the school are welcomed, by prior arrangement.

For further details and an application pack please contact
Amanda Wright, Office Manager, Slip End Lower School,
Ross Way, Slip End, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 4DD.
Tel: 01582 720152. Email: slipend@cbc.beds.sch.uk

Closing date: Noon, 10 May 2012.

Interview date: 22 May 2012.

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

CLASS TEACHERS/PHASE LEADERS

MPS/UPS (Quote ref: 2898)

Full time

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All applicants are required to complete a CES application form.

For further details and an application pack please contact
Fiona Jones, St Vincent's Catholic Primary School,
Hammersmith Gardens, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire,
LU5 5RG. Tel: 01582 862456. Email: stvincents@cbc.beds.sch.uk

Closing date: Noon, 14 May 2012.

Interview date: 25 May 2012.

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DALLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dallow Road

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Fax: 01582 616602

Email: Dallow.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk

Headteacher : Linda Nouch



Dallow Primary School is a welcoming place where both pupils and staff enjoy being. As a school we believe that learning should be exciting and enjoyable.

We are a school in Special Measures but we are making rapid changes that are having a positive impact. We need to appoint inspirational staff who can play a role in transforming our school and making a difference to the lives of our children.

This is an exciting opportunity and we are looking for exceptional candidates to fill the following posts from September 2012:

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If you wish to discuss any of the above posts please contact Linda Nouch, Headteacher on 01582 616601.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

If you have the drive, enthusiasm and commitment to help develop our school further please contact Mandy Huggins on 01582 616601 or email: dallow.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk for further information and an application pack.

Closing date for applications is: Friday 18th May 2012 by 3pm

Interviews planned for: 24th, 25th, 28th & 29th May 2012

Dallow Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.



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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS
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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (CHURCH STREET) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012
The Order will come into operation on 1st August 2012, and will cease operation after a period of 18 months. The purpose of the Order is to enable for a full reconstruction of the Station Road junction.

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Church Street	From its junction with Midland Road to the entrance of Bute Street shoppers car park

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (MARSH ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012
The Order will come into operation 12th June 2012 and cease operation after a period of 2 months. The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway maintenance works to be carried out.

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Marsh Road.	From its junction with Grange Avenue to its junction with the entrance to Leagrave Railway Station carpark on Marsh Road.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (TWYFORD DRIVE) (TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2012
The Order will come into operation 6th June 2012 and cease operation after 11th June 2012. The purpose of the Order is to enable UK Power Networks safe access to install a power connection to a new BT cabinet.

FOOTPATH	LENGTH OF FOOTPATH
Twyford Drive	Footpath between Crawley Green Road and Twyford Drive

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic and pedestrians will be marked by signs.

29th April 2012
 Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
 Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

PARKTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Applications are invited to run an Early Years Pre-school at Park Town Community Centre, Bailey Street, Luton, LU1 3DU. The management of Park Town Community Centre and Luton's Early Years Team wish to encourage local groups, including voluntary or community-based childcare organisations, with relevant experience to tender to provide this Service. You should be able to offer Integrated Education and Care Provision for children aged 2 to 5 year olds within a Community Centre environment. It is anticipated that commencement of the contract is likely to be from September 2012 and issued for a period of 3 years initially and subject to annual performance monitoring and review. The successful organisation is expected to pay a rental charge for the accommodation, and access Nursery Education Funding to deliver the education places.

Applications are therefore invited from suitably qualified and experienced organisations that wish to be considered to provide this service. Initially, you are requested to complete a questionnaire that is available from the address below.

Abdul Munim, Early Years and Children's Centre Business Manager,
 Wesley House, 19 Chapel Street, Luton LU1 2SE.

Tel: 01582 548079

Email: abdul.munim@luton.gov.uk

The closing date for submission of applications is 12 noon on 25th May 2012.

It is anticipated that those short listed will be required to make a presentation and attend a question and answer session week beginning 11th June 2012.

If you wish to discuss this further please contact the person above.



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(QUEENSWAY, VERNON PLACE, COURT DRIVE, COLLEGE DRIVE AND KINGSWAY, DUNSTABLE)

(TEMPORARY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012

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- The full length of Vernon Place
- The full length of Court Drive
- That length of Kingsway from Court Drive to The Mall
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This temporary speed limit is required to enable bus lane construction works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place from 14th May to 28th September 2012, for the full 24 hour period each day. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14 May 2012 for a period of six months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

DATED 25 April 2012

Central Bedfordshire Council
 Technology House, Ampthill Road
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Basil Jackson
 Assistant Director for Highways

THE LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE

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Persons wishing to make representations in respect of this application may do so by writing to: Licensing Service, Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, Luton, Beds LU1 2BQ, within 28 days from the date of this notice. A copy of the Application is also kept at the above address and may be viewed during normal office hours or you can view our online register. <http://www2.luton.gov.uk/eLR/search.aspx?task+75> E240ff-9653-4f6b-a0be-7452e5301b12.

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Dated 25th April 2012

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS GIVEN UNDER PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990 (Grade II Listed Building)

Site: The Thatched Cottage, 111 Butterfield Green Road

Description: Alterations to a Listed Building - Erection of two storey side extension

Application No: 12/00452/LBC

The application and submitted details can be inspected using Public Access, the on-line planning service at www.eplan.luton.gov.uk and enter the application number into the Application Search. This site can be accessed at any library free of charge. If you wish to discuss the proposal, please contact the Case Officer on Luton 546317.

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VAUXHALL ZAFIRA TOURER - OVERVIEW

Vauxhall is set to tighten its already strong grip on the MPV segment with the all-new Zafira Tourer. The newcomer, which is positioned above the current Zafira in Vauxhall's line up, will set new standards in flexibility and innovation when order banks open on November 1, prior to the car hitting UK showrooms early next year.

The all-new model builds on the chart-topping success of the well-proven Zafira, while offering improved cabin space, upgraded materials and even greater levels of innovation from the upgraded Flex7 seating arrangement.

With class-leading levels of luxury and prices starting at just £21,000 (more than £1,200 less than the Ford S-Max) the seven-seat Zafira Tourer is expected not only to attract traditional MPV customers, but also those customers who may never have considered such a vehicle.

The Zafira Tourer combines a compelling mix of cabin flexibility with many features and technologies taken from the luxury car sector. There are multiple seating configurations, including 'Lounge Seating' on key models, as well as a raft of new features, such as Vauxhall's new Front Camera system and state-of-the-art infotainment. But what really defines the Zafira Tourer is its use of quality cabin materials, which sets new class standards. Vauxhall's Vice President of Design, Mark Adams, has created a spacious and inviting environment for occupants, offering near-panoramic views for driver and passengers. Now, this new model bearing the Zafira name is transformed from a utilitarian people carrier into a flexible limousine that many executive car drivers would feel comfortable living with.

Since 1999, the two iterations of the current Vauxhall Zafira have dominated

the compact MPV sector in the UK. Across Europe, 2.2 million have been sold, with almost a quarter of those sales coming from the UK. And that performance has not diminished in recent years. In 2010, the Vauxhall Zafira was top of its segment in total, fleet and retail sales in the UK with a 24.3 per cent share of the total Compact MPV market after registering more than 30,000 units. The Renault Scenic had the next biggest share, though with 11,346 fewer sales than the Zafira. In 2011, the Zafira was as popular as ever, commanding top slot in total and fleet sales to date. With 14,855 sales to the end of August, Zafira sales represent 18.1 per cent of the compact MPV market, and combined with Vauxhall's other compact MPV, the Meriva, they account for 36.1 per cent share of the compact MPV segment.



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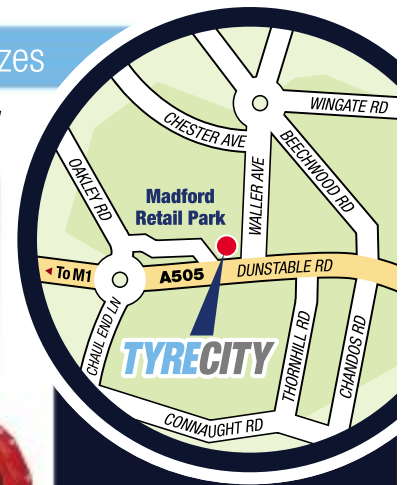


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FLEETWOOD TOWN 0

LUTON TOWN 2

BLUE SQUARE BET
PREMIER

Craig says 'I'm claiming the goal' as he gives his all to take the chance

CRAIG McAllister was delighted to have contributed to the victory that booked Luton's spot in the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off but admitted he was surprised to be named in the starting line-up at Fleetwood yesterday.

He added that he was claiming the goal that put the Hatters in the lead by taking a deflection off Cod Army defender Nathan Pond before finding its way into the net.

"I was a bit surprised to be in the squad," he revealed.

"The lads that have been playing have done brilliant," he said. "But I've been waiting for my chance and today I got it and gave it my all."

"Of course I'm claiming the goal!"

"I was trying to put it across the box to Andre Gray but it took a slight deflection and ended up in the top corner."

"Who knows, it could have been heading in anyway, so it's definitely mine."

McAllister also said that the team are under no illusions how hard the next two play-off semi-final games against Wrexham will be, starting at Kenilworth Road on Thursday.

"It's going to be tough, we know Wrexham are a good side," he said.

"After all, they weren't far off winning the league."

"It's going to be harder than it ever has been all season."

"We'll have to up our game and train even harder and hopefully we'll be strong enough to beat them."

"We are all desperate to get up, we all know what is at stake and we all want to play in these games."



PLAY-OFF SPOT SECURED: Janos Kovacs and manager Paul Buckle show their delight – and perhaps their relief – after yesterday's win away at Fleetwood

photos by Gareth Owen

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER RESULTS		
Alfreton Town	2	1 Bath City
Barrow	3	1 Newport County
Darlington	3	1 Kettering Town
Ebbsfleet United	2	3 Lincoln City
Fleetwood Town	0	2 Luton Town
Gateshead	3	0 AFC Telford United
Grimsby Town	0	1 Southport
Hayes & Yeading	1	2 Stockport County
Kidderminster H's	0	3 Mansfield Town
Tamworth	2	2 Cambridge United
Wrexham	5	1 Braintree Town
York City	1	0 Forest Green Rovers

Town Buckle up for more as win floors the champs

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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MANAGER Paul Buckle said Luton Town "earned the right to be in the play-offs" after beating the champions Fleetwood Town in the last league game of the season.

The Hatters had to bag a point in order to prolong their campaign, but went one better with an emphatic 2-0 win, courtesy of a deflected Craig McAllister strike and a superb shot from Andre Gray.

The Hatters put on a fantastic team performance and were unrecognisable from the side that went eight games without a win previous to Buckle taking control just six matches ago.

Mansfield's 3-0 win over Kidderminster – the only team that could have piped Town – made the result immaterial but speaking after the game the boss revealed his pride at how his players became masters of their own destiny.

He said: "Everyone was talking about what Mansfield were going to do and what Fleetwood were going to do and, to be honest, I was sick of hearing it. We don't need anyone to do us any favours. If we've got enough about us we'll be able to do it ourselves."

"We needed to come here, do the goal of honour for the champions to show them the respect they deserve, but then we needed to beat them, which we did."

"It's a great day for us. Credit must go to all the players because a few weeks

ago I came in with new messages which they've bought into."

"Everyone is putting a shift in, we looked solid and that has come from training."

"All of the players have worked very hard and I am proud of them."

"We deserved everything we got today, and we have earned the right to be in the play-offs."

Eyebrows may have been raised when Craig McAllister was included in the starting 11, but the striker quickly repaid the manager's faith by playing an instrumental role in the crucial first goal.

Following build-up play from Adam Watkins, the ball fell to the feet of the striker who unleashed a strike that clipped Nathan Pond and found its way into the net.

The goal settled the nerves and, while the pace of Gareth Seddon and Andrew Mangan, meant that Fleetwood always looked dangerous on the ball, Luton were able to deal with them effectively.

As the first half progressed the Hatters looked increasingly comfortable on the ball and, as a result they were able to use the time and space they had to create a number of opportunities.

Gray and McAllister had shots on goal, but the closest Luton came to extending their lead was from a John Paul Kissock corner.

An awkward punch from keeper Scott Davies left the ball heading for the back of the net until Peter Cavanagh booted it off the line.



MAC ATTACK: Craig McAllister celebrates his opener with Keith Keane and JP Kissock

Luton started the second half in a similar fashion, creating chances to score minutes after the restart. After great passing play from Kissock, Watkins and Jake Howells, the final attempt at goal from Gray was blasted over the bar.

Fleetwood started to gain more of the possession and continued to look threatening when they pressed forward.

Mangan had the best chance of them all, a low strike from the edge of the area found its way through the crowded box, but Mark Tyler was alert and was able to make the save.

As it looked like the home side were working their way back into the game,

Luton delivered the sucker punch. Substitute Robbie Willmott made a fantastic run down the right flank and cut the ball inside to the waiting Gray, who buried the chance to the delight of the travelling fans.

Curtis Osano, who put in an impressive performance, could have made it 3-0 after a jinking run forward but he couldn't beat the keeper.

It mattered little as Luton saw out the game to enjoy some celebrations of their own as Fleetwood were presented with the league trophy.

With Buckle still unbeaten in his short tenure, the hope will be that Town can make it third time lucky in their bid to return to the Football League.

Fleetwood Town: Scott Davies, Shaun Beeley, Steve McNulty, Nathan Pond, Alan Goodall, Andrew Mangan, Gareth Seddon (Richard Allen), Peter Cavanagh, Lee Fowler, Danny Rose (Danny Rowe), Jamie Vardy (Jamie Milligan)

Unused subs: Keiran Charnock, Danny Rowe, David Stevenson

LUTON TOWN: Mark Tyler, Keith Keane, George Pilkington, Alex Lawless (Greg Taylor), Craig McAllister (Robbie Willmott), Jake Howells, Curtis Osano, John Paul Kissock, Andre Gray (Stuart Fleetwood), Adam Watkins, Janos Kovacs

Unused subs: Robbie Willmott, Shane Blackett, Lewis Kidd

Attendance: 4,446
Referee: Steve Martin

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Fleetwood (C)	46	31	10	5	102	48	54	103
2 Wrexham	46	30	8	8	85	33	52	98
3 Mansfield	46	25	14	7	87	48	39	89
4 York City	46	23	14	9	81	45	36	83
5 Luton Town	46	22	15	9	78	42	36	81
6 Kidderminster	46	22	10	14	82	63	19	76
7 Southport	46	21	13	12	72	69	3	76
8 Gateshead	46	21	11	14	69	62	7	74
9 Cambridge	46	19	14	13	57	41	16	71
10 Forest Green	46	19	13	14	66	45	21	70
11 Grimsby	46	19	13	14	79	60	19	70
12 Braintree	46	14	12	20	69	84	-15	54
13 Barrow	46	17	9	20	62	76	-14	60
14 Ebbsfleet	46	14	12	20	69	84	-15	54
15 Alfreton	46	15	9	22	62	86	-24	54
16 Stockport Co	46	12	15	19	58	74	-16	51
17 Lincoln City	46	13	10	23	56	66	-10	49
18 Tamworth	46	11	15	20	47	70	-23	48
19 Newport Co	46	11	14	21	53	65	-12	47
20 AFC Telford Utd	46	10	16	20	45	65	-20	46
21 Hayes (R)	46	11	8	27	58	90	-32	41
22 Darlington (R)	46	11	13	22	47	73	-26	36
23 Bath City (R)	46	7	10	29	43	89	-46	31
24 Kettering (R)	46	8	9	29	40	100	-60	30

C = CHAMPIONS, R = RELEGATED



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FOOTBALL

Blues take pleasure in massive goal tally

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

DUNSTABLE TOWN 3
LEVERSTOCK GREEN 2

DUNSTABLE TOWN finished as the SML Premier Division's highest scorers, with 132 goals, thanks to an entertaining win over Leverstock Green.

The Blues fell behind after a first-half Max Farrelly effort, but second-half goals from Joseph Bruce, Nathan Frater and Lee Roache secured the Blues their 31st win of the season, with Paul Insley grabbing a late consolation for Leverstock.

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

HOLMER GREEN 2
AFC DUNSTABLE 2

AN ultimately disappointing season for AFC ended as they conceded a last-gasp sucker point to miss the chance to win.

A third-place finish means promotion was not achieved, and AFC's focus will now be on retaining their best players.

After Wayne Mills' own goal, BJ Christie and Tony Burnett scored but AFC were denied by a 90th minute counter-attack.

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

TOTTENHOE 4
MK WANDERERS 2

TOTTENHOE finished a respectable third in the SML Division Two courtesy of a comfortable victory over MK Wanderers yesterday afternoon.

Stefan Tracey's brace for the hosts early on was soon cancelled out by two quick-fire MK goals.

But a smart finish from Chris Golding midway through the second-half combined with Tracey's third strike in injury time, ensured Tottenham ended their campaign on a high note.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

EVO-STIK DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

Ashford Town	0	2	St. Neots Town
Barton Rovers	P	P	Chertsey Town
Beaconsfield SYCOB	1	2	Daverby Town
Bedworth United	3	1	Biggleswade Town
Burnham	1	1	AFC Hayes
Chalfont St. Peter	2	2	Fleet Town
Leighton Town	5	2	Northwood
North Greenford United	P	P	Aylesbury
Rugby Town	1	0	Marlow
Uxbridge	5	1	Bedford Town
Woodford United	P	P	Slough Town

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Broxbourne Borough	3	3	St Margaretsbury
Colney Heath	1	3	Berkhamsted
Dunstable Town	3	2	Leverstock Green
Hadley	P	P	Stotfold
Hanwell Town	4	2	Biggleswade United
Harefield United	4	1	Hatfield Town
Hillingdon Borough	5	1	Hertford Town
Holmer Green	2	2	AFC Dunstable
London Tigers	P	P	Aylesbury United
Royston Town	4	2	Haringey Borough
Tring Athletic	3	3	Oxhey Jets

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Amphill Town	3	2	Amersham Town
Chesham Utd Res	P	P	Kentish Town
Cockfosters	3	6	Langford
Harpden Town	6	1	Welwyn Garden City
Kings Langley	P	P	Buckingham Athletic
London Colney	4	0	Stony Stratford Town
St Albans City Res	3	1	Cranfield United
Sun Postal Sports	1	6	Hoddesdon Town

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Risborough Rangers	P	P	The 61 FC
Tottenham	4	2	MK Wanderers
Winslow United	P	P	Hale Leys Utd

Thomas leads trio out to cause Storm

MARTIAL ARTS

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

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TITLE bouts galore are set to shake up Luton today with one hometown fighter calling the Pure Force 13 event, dubbed 'World Domination', a statement of intent by hosts Storm Gym.

The mixed martial arts centre in New Bedford Road has three warriors gunning for European kickboxing belts amid a packed card of 11 title clashes in all styles, including fighters from all over the world, at Liquid Nightclub.

Leagrave's double British champion Nigel Thomas believes his 81.4kg European kickboxing title showdown against Jon Durrant is the next step on the ladder towards world honours which he says has been mapped out by Storm owner/trainer Amir Subasic.

He said: "Amir wants world champions in his gym, full stop. I don't think there's anything stopping us from doing that."

"We've already got a world champion in there (Andrew Tate) and we train with him because we know the calibre we've got to beat to get there. We will get there."

"I will always pledge my allegiance to Storm - there's no way I'd fight for anyone else."

The 37-year-old Lutonian has already beaten today's opponent for his home nations strap and says he is ready to combat the Urban Kings kicker's revenge mission.

"It's a grudge match," he said. "We fought for the British title and it was a good old war. I won that one and, naturally, I think he wants some revenge. He'll have to take it to me but I'm 100 per cent ready for this. I want that European title."

Stable-mate Tristan Tate is also

desperate to bring home continental glory by beating Latvian Livs Skrundieneks for the 84.6kg European kickboxing title.

The 23-year-old from Marsh Farm, said: "This is the first time I'll be fighting for a European title. I fought for the British belt against Martin Flood in February and won by KO in round four."

"He had won seven in a row before that so was more than eligible to be fighting for that title."

"I knocked him down a couple of times and was too much for him. I'm confident, as always. I know my opponent is good, but so am I. It's a European title fight so the standard should be high and I'm just looking forward to it."

Tate is the younger brother of Storm-based world champion Andrew, nicknamed King Cobra.

He is set to fight for a Showtime world title in Belgium next month and Tristan is hoping to emulate that.

"I'm following in my brother's footsteps in a lot of ways," he said. "If I can win then perhaps I can join him on Showtime which is a big federation."

"You never plan too far ahead. I've prepared very hard for this fight with the inten-

tion of winning and we'll see what happens from there."

The third Storm combatant fight for European honours will be David Wilmott. He will go toe-to-toe with Siam Eagles' Tom Clark for the 78.1kg K1 title and he was rather more succinct about his intentions. I feel confident. I've had a good fight camp and I'm going for blood," he said.

Doors at Liquid Nightclub open at 1pm this afternoon, fights start from 2pm. Tickets available on the door, while the fights will be streamed live at:

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EURO GOAL:
Nigel Thomas



Duffy has his day as Hofmann hails Academy kids

BOXING

HEAD coach Mark Hofmann told of his pride as Academy ABC (36kg) fighter Steven Duffy claimed a debut victory against Owen Roberts on the New Bedford Road club's successful debut dinner show at Luton Rugby Club last weekend.

The youngster came away with the fighter of the night award and Hofmann said: "For his first fight it was brilliant. His nose was a bit bloody but he just didn't stop and he listened to what I had to say."

"Roberts was orthodox when he got in the ring but when the fight started he changed to southpaw."

"Steven kept taking rear hands straight in his nose and he found that a problem, but we had a chat with him between rounds and he seemed to suss it out."

"I'm so proud of him."

The fight card saw 11 boxers

from his stable step into the ring and six came away victorious, including stoppage wins for Lee McGrath and Josh Goodwin.

Hofmann said: "Lee stopped his opponent in the second round and Josh Goodwin finished it in the third round - that was a cracking fight."

Also triumphant on the bill were Niall Duffy Scott McMaste and Clinton Baptiste (Hockwell Ring ABC).

Hofmann said: "I'm proud of all of them. Not one girl or boy let us down. They boxed how they were supposed to."

■ Elsewhere, Jordan Reynolds booked his place in the National ABA Championship semi-finals yesterday with a 38-18 win over Lawrence ABC's Connor Hutchins.

He said: "I caught him with a left hook in the first round and he got a standing eight count and after that I just out-boxed him. I'm chuffed to bits."

Smith fears a cup farce after washout puts paid to opener

CRICKET

BEDFORDSHIRE'S MCCA Cup game with Hertfordshire at Amptill, scheduled for today, was called off as early as Thursday and chairman Ian Smith is fearing the worst for the competition, **writes Lance Christopher.**

Torrential rain over a number of days had made it impossible for Amptill to even prepare a wicket.

Bedfordshire chief Smith (pictured below) said: "The weather has given Amptill no chance. We tried to find an alternative ground both in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, but everybody is struggling because of the rain. It's hopeless."

The cancellation is an even bigger blow for Hertfordshire than Bedfordshire because this was their second game in the competition to be affected.

"If this appalling weather continues there is a danger that the competition could become a farce," said Smith.

Bedfordshire are hoping that there will be some let up in the rain before next weekend when they are due to travel to the west county for a double-header against Cornwall

at Truro on Sunday and Devon at Bovey Tracey on Monday.



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Hatters sink league champions Fleetwood to extend their campaign as boss Buckle crowns...

'Bring on the play-offs'

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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LUTON Town manager Paul Buckle said he is relishing his chance to get Luton promoted back to the Football League via the play-offs.

The Hatters confirmed their position in the end-of-season knockout tournament after beating Blue Square Bet Premier champions Fleetwood Town 2-0 yesterday, thanks to a deflected Craig McAllister strike and a clincher from Andre Gray.

It booked a home first leg against Wrexham on Thursday in a re-run of the clash at the same stage last season, with the return leg on Bank Holiday Monday.

Buckle said: "I'm not expecting any easy games, there hasn't been one yet since I've been in charge. "The games have just got bigger and bigger for me and the club and the play-off games are going to be epic.

"The biggest thing for me is that we're actually in there.

"I'm really chuffed and am looking forward to the games that are coming up now."

Though he only took over the hot seat six games ago Buckle also said that the disappointment of the club losing to AFC Wimbledon on penalties in last year's play-off final has to be forgotten.

He said: "Anything good or bad that has happened before has gone. "That is history and we've got to

look to the future. It's an incredible time, for me, the players and the fans.

"The play-offs will be a great occasions, but they will only become a fantastic occasion if we get to the final."

The manager also revealed that he has been delighted with the response of the players since becoming the manager of the club at the start of the month.

He said: "To win 14 points from a possible 18 is some return, but we've trained hard and left no stone unturned.

"I wanted it done properly, I wanted it done right and with the win against Fleetwood the players did exactly that.

"We were away from home and needed something from the game.

"There was nothing lucky or fortunate about it, we deserved our win.

"The key now is to concentrate our efforts onto the next game on Thursday.

"We've done nothing yet, we need to give it everything we've got and get to the final."

Buckle again had praise for the travelling faithful, who could be heard throughout the game.

He said: "I'm so pleased for all the fans. They've backed the team massively.

"I know it's not cheap travelling or coming to games.

"We've now got to stick together and do our best to win these games."

■ For full match report see page 74

D's round off season with cup triumph



Dunstablians line up with the cup

Duncan Holmes scores the first try for D's

RUGBY UNION

BEDFORDSHIRE CUP FINAL
DUNSTABLIANS 17
STOCKWOOD PARK 3

DUNSTABLIANS won the Bedfordshire Cup and ended Stockwood Park's three-year hold on the trophy in this tense encounter at Bidwell Park yesterday.

Joe Murphy, Duncan Holmes and Stuart Hall scored for the Dees with Jason Carr kicking a penalty for Stockwood.

Murphy's kick was the only goal in a tight first half. The visitors then levelled through Carr but Dunstablians re-established their advantage after Holmes and Hall touched down, with Murphy adding the extras.

After the game, D's captain Stuart Hall said: "It's been a good week of training, the boys were really up for it and we dominated the game. Hopefully we can have a good pre-season next year and push for promotion."

Stockwood coach Dave Budge said: "It was a tight match and we lost but I'm still proud of the way the boys played."

Luton fighters out to cause a Storm in home town title shows – P75

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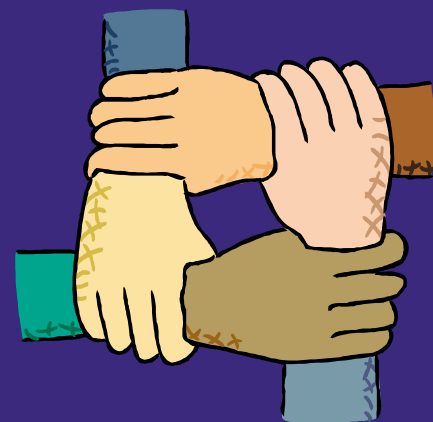
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As Luton prepares for the English Defence League (EDL) to march and demonstrate in the town on 5 May, Luton Council of Faiths calls for all Lutonians to stand up for peace and unity in the town, once again.

We have had a very strong and positive feedback exhorting us to have a follow up event after our last gathering on 20 April outside Bury Park Community Centre.

Therefore, as people of all faiths and no particular faith affiliation, living together in Luton, committed to grow in understanding of each other, we are all invited to gather together to express and experience the strength of community solidarity in Luton.

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